March 2004 Information Notice

The **Department's** mission is to restore, protect and enhance the environment, to ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality, by regulating hazardous waste, conducting and overseeing cleanups, and developing and promoting pollution prevention.

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FIRST PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE FORT ORD COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP



You are invited! Participate in an ongoing review of cleanup activities at the Former Fort Ord.

A Community Advisory Group (CAG) has been formed to review and comment on cleanup strategies at the Former Fort Ord. This is an independent, diverse, community-based forum. As a member of the nearby community, you can play an important part in the environmental restoration program at the Former Fort Ord Army Base. **Your participation is needed, encouraged, and welcomed.**

Community members have worked hard to form the 15-member CAG with the help of Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC). They have already had several meetings to get to know one another, create operating instructions, commit to a mission statement, plan a CAG web page, and begin reviewing cleanup documents. They have created the following mission statement to guide them in their work:

"Fort Ord Community Advisory Group is a public interest group formed to review, comment and advise on the remediation of the Fort Ord Army Base, Superfund Site, to ensure that human health, safety and the environment are protected to the greatest extent possible."

FIRST PUBLIC MEETING, APRIL 8, 2004

Please come to the first Fort Ord CAG (FOCAG) public meeting on April 8th at the Casanova-Oak Knolls Park Center at 735 Ramona Street in Monterey from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. A panel of experts will be present to discuss Fort Ord's military ordnance and explosive cleanup activities. There will be ample time for your questions and discussion.

UPCOMING CAG MEETINGS

The FOCAG will tentatively hold their meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Upcoming public FOCAG meeting topics include landfill gasses (ambient air), beach range cleanup, groundwater treatment, and more. Mark your calendar for upcoming meeting dates: tentatively on May 13, June 10, and July 8, 2004. You may contact the Interim CAG Chair or DTSC (see next page) for exact times and locations. The CAG will also send out public service announcements with meeting information.

The FOCAG invites community participation. You are encouraged to attend meetings and contact one of the FOCAG members to discuss concerns or questions regarding any aspect of the cleanup strategies at the Former Fort Ord.

The following is a list of CAG members and the groups they represent.

Garrett Barnicoat, Student/Resident

Michael Boyd, Californians for Renewable

Energy (CARE)

Arthur Deicke, Resident

Salvatore Di Salvo, City of Seaside, Building

Division

Nancy Foy, Elected Official, Monterey

Peninsula Airport Board

Curt Gandy, Monterey Bay Toxics

Project

Lance Houston, Resident

Carrie Mann, The Sustainable Base

Reuse Institute

Cheryl McKenzie, Association of Realtors

Chuck Monarque, Monterey County Sheriff's

Office

Daniel O'Brien, Resident

Nicolas Papadakis, Association of Monterey

Bay Area Governments

Nat Rojanasathira, Student/Resident Michael Weaver, Hwy 68 Coalition

Mark Weirick, Student/Resident

For more information regarding the FOCAG, including meetings, please contact Mr. Nat Rojanasathira, Interim CAG Chair at rojan@csumb.edu (831)582-4067 or Ms. Kris Escarda, at (916) 255-6683 or kescarda@dtsc.ca.gov.

For information regarding environmental cleanup activities and DTSC oversight, please contact Mr. Roman Racca, Project Manager at (916) 255-6407, or rracca@dtsc.ca.gov, or Ms. Kris Escarda, Public Participation Specialist at (916) 255-6683 or kescarda@dtsc.ca.gov. The mailing address is 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, CA 95826. For media questions, please contact Ms. Lisa Gray, DTSC Public Information Officer, at (916) 324.0936 or lgray@dtsc.ca.gov.

Meeting Accessibility

For information on accessibility and to request reasonable accommodations, please contact Ms. Kris Escarda at (916) 255-6683.

Where can I find documents related to the Former Fort Ord?

Fort Ord Administrative Record

Building 4463 Gigling Road, 1st floor Presidio of Monterey Annex (Formerly Fort Ord), CA 93944

Phone (831) 393-9186

Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mon. to Fri. Closed from12:00 p.m. to 1:30 pm.

http://www.fortordcleanup.com

Seaside Branch Library

550 Harcourt Avenue Seaside, CA 93955 Phone (831) 899-2537

Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. M., Tu., and Th.;

10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Wed; 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Fri. and Sat;

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sun.

California State University Monterey Bay Library Learning Complex

100 Campus Center, Building 12

Seaside, CA 93955 Phone (831) 582-3733

Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Mon. and Tues.

9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Wed. and Thurs.

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Friday 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sunday

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Sacramento, California 95826 Mr. Roman Racca, Project Manager

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Monday – Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. By appointment only (916) 255-3758